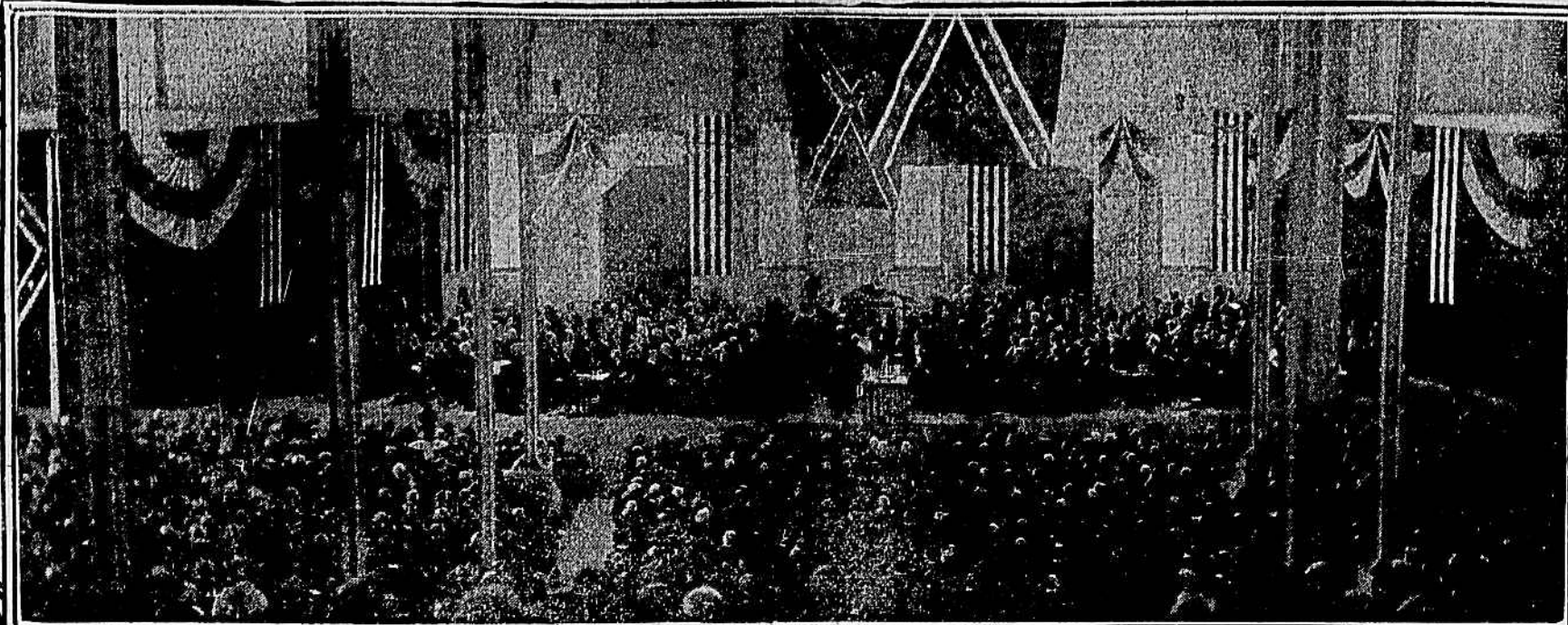


BRYAN SPEAKS HERE AND IN INTERVIEW DISCUSSES VITAL PUBLIC ISSUES



WILLIAM J. BRYAN.



SCENE IN AUDITORIUM. BRYAN DELIVERING ADDRESS.

EDWIN WARFIELD
OF MARYLAND

Roosevelt and Railroads Are Bryan's Themes

In Interview Nebraskan Declares President is Neither Wholly a Democrat Nor Wholly a Republican.

SECTION IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE

Railroads Will Ultimately Be Owned by Government, He Says--Meeting With Warfield Has No Political Significance.

BRYAN AND THE PRESIDENCY.

"I haven't felt it was yet time to decide whether or not I will be a candidate for the presidency. The only condition upon which I would consider the question of candidacy would be whether I could advance the cause of Democracy by being a candidate. No man's ambition should be considered or any other conditions."—William Jennings Bryan.

William Jennings Bryan sat last night in the library of the Executive Mansion, and with Governor Swanson and a representative of The Times-Dispatch, discussed questions of vital interest to the Democratic party and to the country at large. There were many questions the great leader declined to answer, such as the candidacy of certain eminent men, the ambition of certain great capitalists, and questions which were hypothetical or based on rumor. The most interesting utterance of Colonel Bryan was his statement that President Roosevelt was neither wholly a Democrat nor wholly a Republican. "He is not consistently Democratic or consistently Republican," he declared, "after having pointed out the Democratic and Republican ideas advanced by the President. On the matter of a 'two-cent rate,' Colonel Bryan was outspoken, declaring that he was the first to advance the idea that interstate rates should not be more than the total of the various State rates.

In the matter of government ownership he declared that in his opinion it would find an ultimate solution in the railroads being owned by the government, but he added that it was not an immediate issue.

Speaking of the next Democratic nominee for the presidency, Mr. Bryan said that the section in which a candidate resided no longer played any part; that it was simply a question of finding a man to fit the platform. He affirmed his previous statement that the question of section was no longer to be considered.

Colonel Bryan spoke to a great Young Men's Christian Association audience in the afternoon, and at night dined with Governor Swanson, with whom he is stopping. At the dinner party were Senator Daniel, of Virginia; Governor Warfield, of Maryland; General William R. Cox, General Carr, of North Carolina, and a dozen others, including General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

Mrs. Bryan, who is with her husband, and Mrs. Swanson did not attend the dinner, at which there were only men.

To-day Colonel Bryan will attend the unveiling of the Davis Monument, and at night will deliver a lecture at the City Auditorium. He leaves on Tuesday morning at 5:20 o'clock for Annapolis, accompanied by Governor Warfield, whose guest he will be at the Maryland capital.

Colonel Bryan declared that his meeting Governor Warfield and Senator Daniel here had absolutely no political significance. He said he had no idea he would meet either of them until he reached Richmond.

THOUSANDS HEAR MR. BRYAN SPEAK

Great Crowd Stood Long in Streets Before Nebraskan Came.

Under the auspices of the Central N. M. C. A. Hon. William J. Bryan yesterday afternoon addressed an audience of four thousand men for an hour and a quarter at the City Auditorium, his theme being "The Prince of Peace." The entire service lasted nearly two hours, but during that time the great audience gave the speaker the closest attention and remained to the end without stirring save now and then to break forth into spontaneous applause as some thought, strikingly put, involuntarily aroused the enthusiasm of the hearers.

Probably no other man in the United States, with the possible exception of President Roosevelt, could have drawn such an audience or held it as did the eloquent Nebraskan. Great as was the theme, influential as is the great adjunct of the churches under whose auspices he spoke, there is no denial of the fact that it was the personality and power of the speaker and his renown that attracted such an assemblage. Without irreverence or any intention to do anything unbecomingly to the great throng of adult males in plain, early broke forth in a great wave of applause as the speaker concluded his address and resumed his seat.

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Mr. Bryan Discusses Railroads, Roosevelt and Other Interesting Matters.

At the Executive Mansion last night were gathered a notable party of political leaders, and though it was stated by Colonel William Jennings Bryan, the guest of honor, that politics was not discussed, the gathering has an interest which will attract the attention of the whole country.

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RIVER RAPIDLY FLOODING BANKS

Lester Street Partly Submerged, and Car Service Interrupted.

RAINING AT COLUMBIA AGAIN

Greatest Height Reported at 29.2 Feet—Main Street Cellars Filling.

With the river at a height of 26.5 feet at midnight, rain was reported to be falling again at Columbia, up the river, last night, and it is feared that the James will be badly swollen around Richmond when all the overflow has reached the city. Early yesterday morning the water was already creeping over the banks, and at 9 o'clock the tide had reached the foot of Lester Street, which it soon covered a foot or more deep, preventing all further traffic of both foot passengers and the street car service. The regular Main Street cars ran only as far as Twenty-First Street, where the passengers were transferred to smaller cars that had been brought down and taken to a little way below the Old Dominion wharf, where the river was in quiet possession; then they walked around the flooded part of the street. The Old Dominion wharf was completely covered, the inundation last night reaching to the depth of a foot and a half in the main office.

All the boat passengers had to leave the vessels by the overhead gangways, and be taken to the street by the office, the street at the main exit being submerged. The Cedar Works was caught unprepared by the unexpected flood, and early in the morning a large gang of laborers was employed clearing away the lumber which had been piled near the bank of the river.

Water Rising Last Night.
A large crowd gathered during the evening to watch the swiftly moving tide, on the bosom of which all manner of floats and jetties were rapidly being carried to the sea. The water was still rising last night, and the riparian fields of Chesterfield and Henrico were rapidly being inundated.

At Columbia the water attained its greatest height at 29.2 feet, and then began to fall, reaching 26.5 at a little before midnight. It started raining again, however, which probably means that the worst is not yet.

Several cellars opposite the Main Street Station were rapidly filling with the muddy water yesterday evening, and the water to-day may reach far up in Seventeenth and other nearby parallel streets. In Fulton the water had reached the top of the viaduct, and was still rising. Of the Old Dominion docks little could be seen except the upper structure, unreachable save by boats.

The weather report for to-day promises a continuance of cloudy weather, and it may probably rain. Traffic on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad is not interrupted, though the water had covered the tracks near Columbia. No damage, so far, has been reported.

Lifted Debt on Church.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 2.—At the dedication of Edgemoor Baptist Church here to-day the congregation raised more than \$13,000 to raise the church debt.

ATTACK BY NATIVES ON RAILROAD CAMP

Bloody Battle in North Carolina Mountains Over Whiskey.

BLACK JIM BURCHFIELD SHOT

Others Injured When Fusillade Began Near Maryville.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., June 2.—A special from Knoxville says:

News of a bloody battle in the mountains of Blount county reached here to-day, when Deputy Sheriff Matthews came here looking for W. R. Roberts, a walking boss employed in a construction camp, thirty-five miles from Maryville, in the mountains, on an extension which the Southern Railway is building into North Carolina. Roberts was arrested to-night.

Roberts claims that as boss of the railroad camp he has tried hard to keep moonshine whiskey away from his workmen.

Saturday afternoon Roberts states that a large party of natives began an attack on the camp. He could not let his men reply to the fire until the party came within the camp, when, he says, a fusillade of shots resulted, and "Black Jim" Burchfield was killed and perhaps others shot.

Roberts, fearing assassination, rode all night through the mountains. He says he does not know who killed Burchfield. The deputy sheriff said he had been informed that the trouble between Burchfield and Roberts was largely personal, and that Roberts shot and killed Burchfield.

GROOM TAKES NAME OF BRIDE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, MD., June 2.—A peculiar wedding was celebrated here to-day, when Dr. Annie R. Copelan, formerly of East Radford, Va., was married to Mr. Abraham Eratt, of this city, the bridegroom assuming the bride's surname. The change of name will be legalized by the courts. Dr. Copelan is a physician with a large practice, which she did not wish to lose by becoming Mrs. Eratt. The bridegroom is a dental student here. Mr. and Mrs. Copelan left to-night for East Radford, where they will spend their honeymoon.

CLOUDY TO-DAY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—Special weather forecast for Richmond for Monday, June 3d:

Cloudy, overcast weather, with but little change in temperature. Is indicated for Richmond and vicinity Monday.

CAMP HILL COMING TO PARADE TO-DAY

Like Good Soldiers, Members Will Report for Position in Line.

HELD A SPECIAL MEETING

Telegram from Colonel Gordon Meets Hearty Response and Camp Will Be Here.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., June 2.—A. P. Hill Camp will attend the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis Monument to-morrow, and will take part in the parade. At a meeting of the camp this afternoon the feeling prevailed that the command should be present on such an occasion of honor to the President of the Confederacy, and a motion by Rev. Dr. J. M. Pilcher, chaplain of the command, that the camp attend, was unanimously concurred in. Past Commander Thomas Polard, of R. E. Lee Camp, of Richmond, who was present, disclaimed any intention on the part of the Richmond camps of showing any discourtesy to A. P. Hill Camp when it attended the unveiling of the Stuart Monument, and General Stith Bolling, a member of the camp, expressed the wish that the organization would certainly attend the unveiling of the Davis Monument.

The following telegram was received this evening by Captain Carter R. Bishop, adjutant of A. P. Hill Camp: "To C. R. Bishop, A. P. Hill Camp: 'The reunion committee have read with great surprise and sincere regret, Commander Atkinson's general order 442, and while entirely ignorant of any reasons for such an order, express the hope that A. P. Hill Camp will participate in the parade to-morrow, leaving any grievance the camp or its commander may feel they have against this committee or any citizen of Richmond to be investigated and adjusted after the departure of our guests from our midst. Hoping to have a favorable reply.'"

(Signed) "JOHN W. GORDON," "General Chairman."

Captain Bishop telegraphed the following reply: "Headquarters A. P. Hill Camp C. V. 'To Colonel John W. Gordon, General Chairman, Richmond, Va.:

"A. P. Hill Camp thanks you for the interest manifested, and as the best evidence of our appreciation, we will like good soldiers report for position in the to-morrow's parade."

(Signed) "CARTER R. BISHOP," "Adjutant."

TWENTY-SEVEN PERSONS POISONED BY MILK

GOMEZ PALACIO, MEX., June 2.—Adulterated milk poisoned twenty-seven people here yesterday, most of whose lives were saved only through the heroic measures resorted to by medical men. Three gondarmes were the first to feel the effects of the poison. Orders were at once sent out for medical men to attend the sufferers. This order probably saved a score of lives.

Tennessee Woman Killed. NASHVILLE, TENN., June 2.—The body of Mrs. Fanny Phillips was found to-day in the rock quarry near the Nashville City Hospital. It is believed that she walked off a ledge and was drowned.

Reunion to End With Big Parade and Unveiling

Climax Will Come To-Day With General Observance of Jefferson Davis Day Throughout the South.

THOUSANDS ENJOY SACRED CONCERT

Memorial Services Held Yesterday in Two City Churches--Reunion Has Been Greatest in History of Organization, Gen. Lee Declares.

LINE OF MARCH FOR PARADE.

Column moves promptly at 11:30 o'clock from Eleventh and Broad Streets to Ninth, thence to Grace, along Grace to Fifth, thence to Franklin, and along Franklin and past the review stand at the monument; thence en masse and dismissed. Addresses begin at 1 P. M., and unveiling occurs at 2 P. M., with exercises to follow.

With a grand parade, followed by the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis Memorial, to the erection of which the entire South has contributed, the seventeenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will come to an end to-day. Distinguished above all others for its record-breaking attendance of veterans during the summer, good-fellowship and general enjoyment, the reunion will go into history as the greatest of the series past, and in all probability of those yet to come. Veterans on all hands, including the commander-in-chief, are enthusiastic in their declarations of this, and all are agreed that but for the unprecedented cold weather the long-planned event would have passed without one feature that was anything but the most pleasing.

Notwithstanding lowering skies and wintry winds, thousands were in the streets on reunion Sunday. At Camp Gordon the scenes were among the most interesting of the day, and many Richmond people went out to watch the veterans enjoy the good things provided for them. In the morning special services were held in all the city churches, with large congregations, and in the afternoon two great memorial meetings attracted crowds that completely filled the First Baptist Church and Monumental Episcopal Church. Hundreds filled the First Baptist Church, and the afternoon also took opportunity to hear Hon. W. J. Bryan speak at the City Auditorium. The climax of the day came at night, when thousands of people packed the Horse Show Building, and thousands of others were turned away, unable to gain entrance. The occasion was the musical history of the city. Everything contributed to make the concert a wonderful success, the singing, under the direction of Mr. Walter C. Mercer, being of the highest order, the attendance record-breaking, and the handling of the crowds by the Passenger and Power Company most efficient.

The last day of the reunion will be the greatest of them all. The parade will be the most impressive ever seen in Richmond, and the occasion being the Jefferson Davis Day in the South, it will be generally observed. Business the Jefferson Davis Day in the South, it will be generally observed. Business will be suspended here and in many other Southern cities when the monument is unveiled at 2 P. M. Trains on many roads will stop for five minutes. A grand rally to-night will bring the reunion program to a close. At this time, Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and others will gather for a last greeting.

FINAL DAY OF GREAT REUNION

Best in History of Organization, General Lee Declares--Parade and Unveiling.

The seventeenth annual reunion of United Confederate Veterans will end to-day with a great parade and the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis Monument.

One thing that has been clearly demonstrated is that Richmond can take care of a great crowd of people, and already there is talk of setting to work to capture the National Democratic Convention next year for this city. There is no way to fix the exact number of strangers who have been here during the reunion. The estimates vary all the way from 50,000 to 80,000; nobody puts the figures below 50,000; and so far as known, none of the people have gone hungry or failed to find a place to sleep. Some of the sleeping places were not as luxurious or as comfortable as quarters in the Jefferson, but they have afforded the needed rest for the weary veterans.

The number of votes cast in the veterans' convention was 2,432. In the convention of the Sons, 1,826 votes were cast. There has been only one reunion at which more votes were cast, and that was at Louisville. It would seem that the veterans' organizations are growing as the years go, and yet one sometimes hears that

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PAY TRIBUTE TO FALLEN HEROES

Great Memorial Services Held Yesterday at Two Churches in Richmond.

Great congregations were present at the two memorial services which were the chief events on the reunion program for yesterday afternoon. At the First Baptist Church the capacity of the building was taxed. The service was held under the auspices of the United Confederate Veterans, and the Confederate Memorial Association. The main floor of the church was reserved for veterans, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and delegates to the Confederate Memorial Association. About the front of the church, chairs were placed for the officers of the association and the invited guests. General Stephen D. Lee occupied the center, and with him were Adjutant-General Mickle, General Walker and others. Mrs. William J. Behan, and the officers of the Confederate Memorial Association were also in the front of the building, and special seats were provided for Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, Miss Mary Lee, Mrs. J. A. Hayes, Mrs. J. B. Stuart and other noted Confederate women.

Ministers There.

In the pulpit were Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., chaplain-general of the United Confederate Veterans, who presided over the service; Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., son of Dr. J. William Jones, and former chaplain-general of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans; Rev. Walter W.